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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY

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1. BIOGRAPHIC NOTES ON MEMBERS FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA'S PARTY:

2. MARK CHONA: FORTY-YEAR OLD YOUNGER BROTHER OF PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND PRINCIPAL POLITICAL ADVISOR SINCE 1968. BA DEGREE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND 1962. ATTENDED AID-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY 1963-64. FOREIGN MINISTRY PERM SEC 1966-68. DUTIES AT STATE HOUSE APPEAR OVER THE YEARS TO HAVE TOUCHED ON MANY SPHERES, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN. CHONA HAS LONG HAD INTENSE INTEREST IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND HAS HAD MANY CONTACTS WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ON GRZ BEHALF, PARTICULARLY IN RECENT MONTHS FOLLOWING LISBON APRIL COUP. (WE HAVE INDICATION HE MAY MAKE ANOTHER QUICK TRIP TO LISBON WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PARTY IS IN LONDON AUGUST 10-13.) CHONA IS INTELLIGENT, RATHER EGOCENTRIC AND TENDS TO BE NON-STOP TALKER WHO IS STIMULATED MORE BY ABSTRACT RATHER THAN CONCRETE ISSUES. THERE IS OFTEN A LACK OF PRECISION AND CLARITY IN

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WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. HE HAS WRITTEN MANY OF PRESIDENT

KAUNDA'S SPEECHES AND HAS OCCASIONALLY DONE UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLES FOR THE PRESS. HE IS SELDOM IN THE PUBLIC EYE. HE HARBORS AN ANTI-BRITISH BIAS. HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD EMBASSY HAS BEEN WARM AND FRIENDLY.

3. ISAAC MANDA: ABOUT 38 YEARS OLD, MANDA JUST NAMED AUGUST 8 AMBASSADOR ASSIGNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. (THIS IS CHANGE IN TITLE RATHER THAN FUNCTION.) COMING FROM EASTERN ZAMBIA, HE ATTENDED PRESTIGIOUS MUNALI SECONDARY SCHOOL LIKE MANY OTHER PRESENT ZAMBIAN LEADERS. FOLLOWING THREE YEARS AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND IN SALISBURY, HE JOINED ZAMBIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HAS HAD ASSIGNMENTS IN DAR ES SALAAM, MOSCOW, AND NEW YORK. ON RETURN FROM OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS, HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THEN UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN CHARGE OF ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORATES. FRIENDLY AND ALERT, MANDA HAS SOUGHT TO BE HELPFUL TO AMERICANS AND HAS TREATED EMBASSY WITH MUCH MORE RESPONSIVENESS THAN HIS COLLEAGUES.

4. PETER KASANDA: PERHAPS 35 YEARS OLD, THOUGH QUITE POSSIBLY YOUNGER, KASANDA HAS BEEN AT STATE HOUSE AT LEAST SINCE 1971, FOR THE PAST YEAR OR SO PRINCIPALLY AS MARK CHONA'S DEPUTY WITH TITLE OF UNDERSECRETARY. IN CONTRAST TO CHONA, HE TENDS TO SPEAK ONLY WHEN SPOKEN TO. HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND RESPONSIVE TO EMBASSY. JUST NAMED AUGUST 8 AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I. IN PEKING PENDING ARRIVAL NEW ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, ANDREA MASIYE, IN MARCH-APRIL NEXT YEAR.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA TOLD US LAST EVENING NEW ZAMBIAN PERM REP TO UN, RUPIAH BANDA, WILL JOIN PARTY IN WASHINGTON.
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